

STOP PAPER IS URGED ON CITY BY LARGE BODY

City Attorney and Mayor Tell
Women's Club Members What
They Are Needed.

The attack of the Rock Island News against the Rock Island Women's club was officially launched at the city hall yesterday afternoon.

The city commissioners in regular session, and State's Attorney J. K. Scott, were asked to stop the publication of the paper.

The entire executive board and other members of the women's club, forming a committee of 30 women, presented the club's case through Mrs. Frank Mixer, president of the club, and Mrs. H. H. Cleveland, former president. Mrs. C. J. Starke also entered into the discussion. John H. Hauberg, president of the Rock Island Sunday School association, also spoke. Mr. Hauberg explained that he was not a member of the committee, but asked permission to speak. He was granted by Mayor Harry Schrivers, who declared that he would be glad to have every citizen who desired, speak to him on the question.

Mrs. Mixer's speech of condemnation of the News, alleging it to be an "unclean sheet," was followed by a speech by Mrs. Cleveland, who charged that the paper is "wicked."

Mr. Hauberg then spoke and was followed by Mrs. Starke.

Mayor Schrivers, after announcing that he knew of no law at present by which the paper can be suppressed easily and effectually, stated that City Attorney J. K. Scott and the city commissioners, acting as a committee of the whole, will make an exhaustive investigation of the state statutes in an effort to find the remedy that will suffice.

During Mr. Hauberg's talk he stated that this city is in danger of homicide crimes as long as the News remains in existence. He supported his statement by referring to several alleged encounters between John Loney, former editor of the News, and various citizens. He referred to the disturbance in 1912 and said that Mayor Schrivers was involved at that time. He declared that two innocent lives were lost and pointed to the incident as proof that danger confronts the city through the News in cases where citizens take up an attack against the paper as individuals.

Mrs. Mixer spoke as follows:

"Honorable Mayor and City Council and State's Attorney:

"We are a delegation from the Rock Island Women's club, and we have not come to you this afternoon with any formally signed petition, but just to talk with you about a matter which is of very vital importance to us, and to you, as well, and the whole community.

"We want to ask you if there is any reason why the publication and sale of the Rock Island News may not be suppressed.

"If there is not, we, not only as individuals but as a part of the government which we represent, feel that we have the right, and step that it is our duty to come and plead with you to remove this obnoxious paper from our midst.

"Our neighbors have done it, why should not we?

"If there is any technicality by which such evils cannot be suppressed, it should be eliminated, and the laws be made such that the public will be protected, and you men could feel it an honor to fill these positions to which you are elected.

"We, the Women's club, are vitally interested in the betterment of our town and will do anything in our power to help make it a desirable place to live in, if you, the 'fathers' of the city will only allow us to cooperate with you and remove this obstacle which has already too long stood in the way of righteousness, peace and prosperity.

Represents Homes.

"The Women's club represents hundreds of homes in the city and we stand for everything that is moral and uplifting in the town.

"Our work must be mostly through the homes—but how can we keep the home ideals right and pure, when the children of these very homes are called out to sell their unclean sheet on the streets, and when it is being spread broadcast over the land, besmirching the reputations of respected citizens and making the very name of Rock Island the cynosure of everything that is false and vile?

"It required a good deal of courage to take the initiative in this matter, and we waited, hoping it would not be necessary, but at the regular meeting of the club Saturday, the following recommendation was unanimously adopted:

"That the city council and state's attorney be petitioned to suppress the publication and sale of the Rock Island News, and that a committee of 40 be appointed by our president to present the petition.

"The committee is before you, and after Mrs. Cleveland, former president of the club, says a few words, we will leave the matter in your hands, trusting to your good judgment to give it your consideration and immediate attention."

Mrs. Cleveland speaks.

Following Mrs. Mixer, Mrs. Cleveland made the second speech for the committee. She spoke as follows:

"The Honorable Mayor, City Council and State's Attorney of Rock Island:

"Gentlemen: Mrs. Mixer has outlined for you the purpose and reasons for our visit here today.

"In the few words which I shall add, I wish if I can, to emphasize a few points: The sincerity and unanimity of our feeling in regard to this matter, and the trust and confidence we repose in you.

"Rock Island, during the years that have just passed, has made a record which should justly make

every citizen glow with pride at her achievements, a record which, I believe, is second to none in the country, most certainly far, far above the average of the cities of the United States.

"One great outstanding reason for this record lies in the cooperation of her loyal citizens of all classes and particularly of her men and women, working together. There has been no blare of trumpets to advertise this to the world, but through the channel where the results of her efforts have been seen, there has come appreciation and her methods and plans have been emulated by other cities.

"The Rock Island Red Cross is known from coast to coast by its works. It stands very high in its efficiency in its business management, as well as in the work that it has accomplished through all its various departments.

Trusted Scholar.

"The vision said brought the name of Rock Island in a favorable light before the people of the whole country, through practically every news agency for a period of weeks. The credit for this justly belongs to you, Mr. Mayor, who grasped the opportunity and initiated this plan and with the cooperation of our loyal citizens, carried it to a successful conclusion.

"We have a right to a feeling of pride in all these things.

"Now we have in our city a small number of people who work in the dark, unwilling, even, to have their names known, whose purpose is to besmirch and to destroy, through the publication of this pernicious paper. They do more to demoralize our city and to drag her good name in the dust than all these agencies for the good can counteract.

"One of the worst features of their methods is that they attack the guilty and the innocent alike, thus tending to make the guilty less culpable and the innocent suffer the more.

"We come to you as delegates of the largest and most democratic body of women in the city; to you, the only one who has the power, asking you to suppress the publication and distribution of this vile sheet.

"We come trusting you, believing in your sincerity of purpose and we promise to you cooperation, not only in this matter, but in everything which you strive to do which is for the good of Rock Island.

"When you have done this thing, you will have accomplished a great good for our city and one which will not soon be forgotten by the loyal citizens of Rock Island."

After Mrs. Cleveland ceased

speaking the members of the committee started to leave the council chamber, but were called back by Mayor Schrivers.

Mayor Replies.

"Your committee has come here with the offer of cooperation," the mayor said, "and this will be necessary if your plan is to succeed. There is no time like the present to talk these things over, I want to assure you ladies that it is not going to be an easy task to suppress the Rock Island News. The libel laws of Illinois are not as stringent as they should be. If you remember, one Chicago newspaper has 'broke' many men in the past few years, including William Lorimer. I believe, was not as bad as painted, but the freedom of the press was not hindered and that paper has fought for years to keep stringent libel laws from being written on the statute books of this state. Any representative of the people who attempts to put through such a law does not last long and such efforts thus far have proved unsuccessful.

"Now, to suppress the News we must have a jury trial of the case. There must be witnesses who can prove that any particular article was libelous.

"There never were but two men who ever 'locked horns' with the News. One is myself and the other is City Attorney J. K. Scott, who fought the paper while he was a state's attorney from 1904 to 1908. For one whole year during my former administration I furnished the news for the News. Every week the headlines of that paper during that year were either Schrivers, the Crook, 'Schrivers, the Gaffer,' or 'Schrivers, the Libertine.' I fought the News of which you all know, and there is no need to explain further that fight. It cost me my reelection and many months of the hardest work. During all that time there was not a man or woman who came to my side with the offer of aid. I fought it alone. I am free to tell you that I employed some of the best lawyers in this state and their verdict was that the paper could not be suppressed under the law at that time, and I don't know whether the law has been changed. But I want to tell you that I know probably better than you ever can, that the paper in question is a menace. However, if it is to be suppressed you must cooperate and you must have evidence."

Bel Speaks.

State's Attorney Bell explained to the committee that such a case would have to go before a jury and that every man on the jury would

have to vote for conviction before the desired object can be obtained. He asserted you must have witnesses, "someone who has been written up." He told of the laxness of the state libel laws and said that Lee O'Neil Brown of Ottawa, Ill., has fought in the state legislature for 15 years to obtain a stringent libel law but has never succeeded. Mr. Bell said that he would prosecute any case brought to him by the people, but he said that the people must make the charge and he must have evidence.

They Left Him.

City Attorney Scott told of the fight he had with the News while state's attorney. He declared that citizens had promised to back him and promised to raise money to employ an attorney to aid him. However, he said that when the fight got hot his backers left him and the case was thrown out of court.

He asserted that he "and" the mayor had been sacrificed on that altar before.

Mrs. Starke, during a short talk, questioned as to why the paper was not admitted to the government mails.

Mayor Schrivers replied that he was the indirect cause. He explained that during his fight on the News, by which he said he put the paper out of business for several years, he had federal charges brought against John Loney. A federal indictment was returned against Loney, he said, and one of the orders of the court was that the paper be excluded from the mails.

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WHAT to give for CHRISTMAS

What to give—that is the big problem confronting most of us at this time of the year (and it is not too soon to be buying right now). Extravagant and useless gifts are often forgotten. But a gift that will serve day after day—one that will be a constant reminder of the forethought and consideration shown by you, the giver—such a one is truly the ideal gift. And good furniture will do all of that. The suggestions shown in this space are but a few of the practical articles to be seen on our floors.

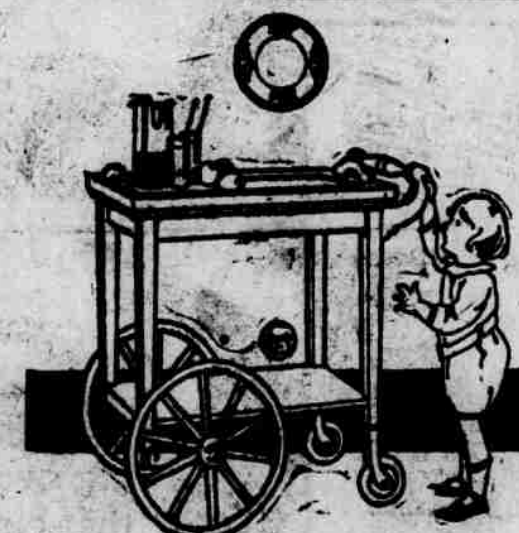
An early visit to this store will help you solve the gift problem. Come often.



A Permanent Christmas Gift

Surely a complete new period bedroom suite is a gift that is lasting, permanent—certainly not a useless gift. Just now we have the largest display of bedroom suites in this vicinity. Last week we unloaded a carload of period suites which includes William and Mary, Queen Anne, four poster and bow-end styles. Each suite being shown in either American walnut or mahogany.

To be sure of getting just exactly the style and finish you desire—we advise early selection—delivery can be made later.



A Tea Wagon?

Have you longed for a tea wagon? Striking, attractive and simple styles are now to be had at very reasonable prices. Handsomely finished in mahogany with large serving tray and four wheels of wood. Come in and see them.

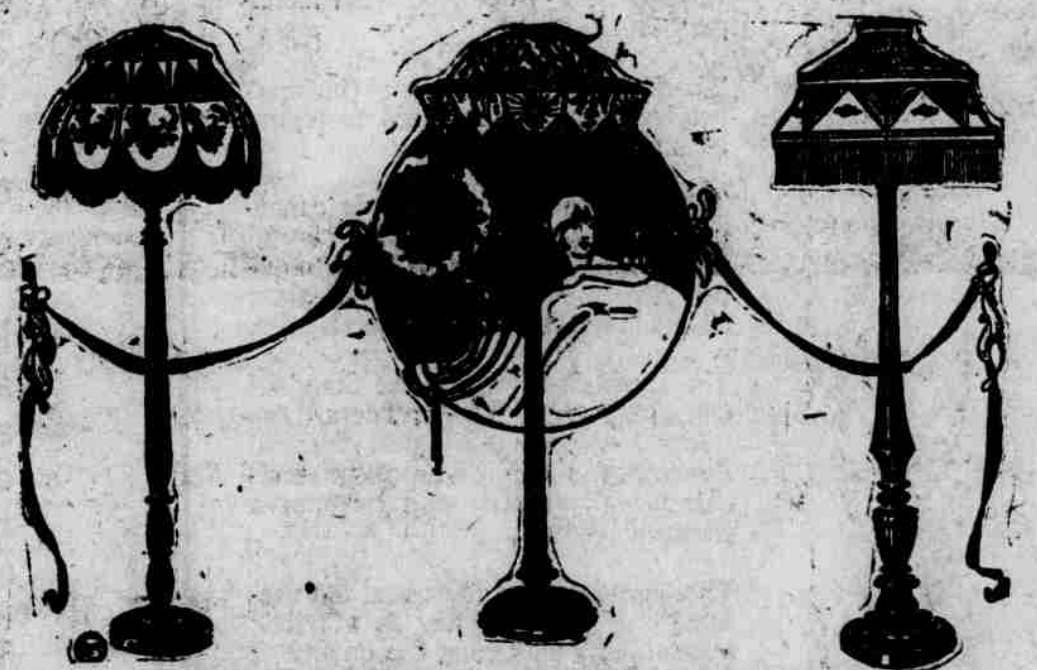
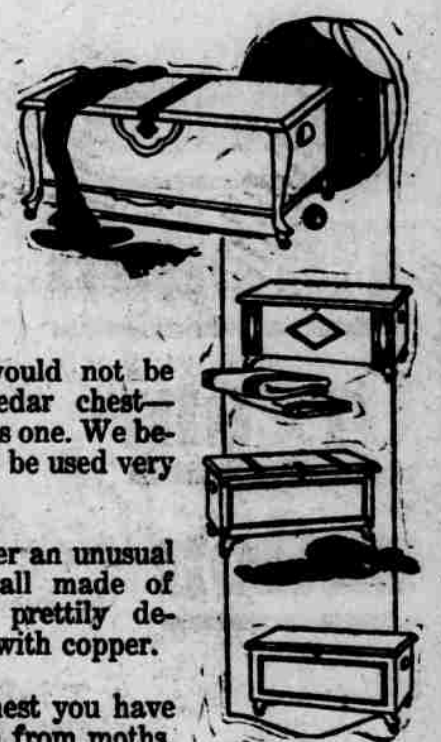
Cedar Chests

Always Acceptable

What woman would not be delighted with a cedar chest—even if she already has one. We believe a new one could be used very handily.

This year we offer an unusual selection—they are all made of genuine red cedar, prettily designed and trimmed with copper.

With a cedar chest you have a complete protection from moths. They are well worth inspection.



Your Christmas Problem Is Solved—

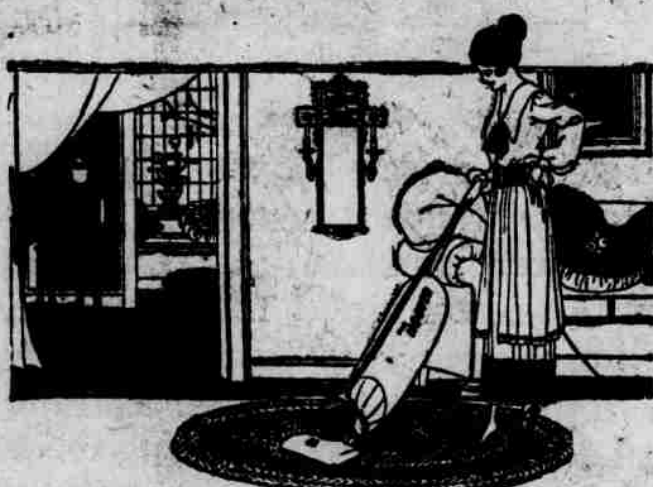
Get One of These Floor Lamps

The lamps illustrated here represent the general appearance and beauty of the many we have on our first floor. The base is of mahogany with striking Jap silk shades finished with tassels and fringe, lined with a neutral silk.

Your inspection will be time well spent.

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